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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN DIVISION**

INSINKERATOR LLC, a *Delaware limited liability company*,

Case No.: 8-24-cv-02600-JVS-ADS

**MEMORANDUM OF POINTS
AND AUTHORITIES IN
SUPPORT OF INSINKERATOR
LLC'S UNOPPOSED MOTION TO
MODIFY CASE SCHEDULE**

Judge: Honorable James V. Selna

Date: August 25, 2025

Time: 1:30 pm

Dept: Courtroom 10C

Action Filed: November 27, 2024

Plaintiff,
vs.
JONECA COMPANY, LLC, a *Delaware limited liability company*, and THE JONECA CORPORATION, a *California corporation*,

Defendants.

JONECA COMPANY, LLC, a *Delaware limited liability company*,
Counter-Claimant,

Counter-Claimant

vs.

INSINKERATOR LLC, a *Delaware limited liability company*,

Counter-Defendant.

I. INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff InSinkErator LLC respectfully requests the Court modify its Scheduling Order (Dkt. 106) and extend the close of fact and expert discovery by forty-five days, as outlined in table form below. InSinkErator's unopposed request will not impact the deadline for dispositive motions, the final pretrial conference, or the trial setting in this case. Given the current length of time between the fact and expert discovery cutoff and the deadline for motion practice, this should not cause any disruption to the Court's schedule. This is InSinkErator's first request to amend the schedule, and the motion is unopposed.

InSinkErator’s Motion to Modify the Case Schedule (“Motion”) should be granted as good cause exists for an amendment to the case schedule under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b). Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4). Throughout the pendency of this matter, the parties have worked diligently to respond to and propound discovery. However, additional discovery remains to be conducted over a relatively short period of time. The current schedule leaves over three months between the close of fact and expert discovery and the filing of dispositive motions. The parties could utilize part of that time to conduct necessary discovery while still having adequate time to prepare any necessary motions for the Court’s deadline. Additionally, the Ninth Circuit has scheduled oral argument on August 22, 2025, on Joneca’s appeal from this Court’s preliminary injunction order. The Ninth Circuit argument will necessarily divert some of the parties’ time and resources during the end of fact discovery under the current schedule. The modest discovery extension would relieve some of the scheduling demands caused by the appeal. Additionally, the parties seek to move the mediation deadline—currently set for the day of the Ninth Circuit argument—forward a few weeks so that mediation can be completed after the argument is complete. The parties already have agreed jointly on a mediator and a date for mediation.

1 The undersigned counsel are new to the case, and upon appearing, noticed the
2 gaps in the schedule.¹ InSinkErator’s new counsel met and conferred with Joneca’s
3 counsel to propose a revised schedule, and the parties were able to work out an
4 agreed, modified timetable without impacting the Court’s dispositive deadlines and
5 trial dates. For these reasons, the Court should grant InSinkErator’s unopposed
6 motion to modify the case schedule in line with the schedule set out in InSinkErator’s
7 proposed amended schedule set out below.

8 **II. DISCUSSION**

9 To modify a case schedule, a party must show “good cause” under FRCP
10 16(b). *See* Fed. R. Civ. 16(b)(4) (“A schedule may be modified only for good cause
11 and with the judge’s consent.”); *see also Matrix Motor Co., Inc. v. Toyota Jidosha*
12 *Kabushiki Kaisha*, 218 F.R.D. 667, 671 (C.D. Cal. 2003) (citing *Zivkovic v. Southern*
13 *California Edison Co.*, 302 F.3d 1080, 1087 (9th Cir. 2002)). Good cause “primarily
14 considers the diligence of the party seeking the amendment.” *Johnson v. Mammoth*
15 *Recreations, Inc.*, 975 F.2d 604, 609 (9th Cir. 1992); *Paul Feller, et al. v. Robert*
16 *Petty*, 2020 WL 2477679, at *3 (C.D. Cal. Feb. 11, 2020) (describing “prejudice to
17 the nonmoving party, importance of the amendment, and availability of a
18 continuance” as additional “secondary” considerations). “What constitutes good
19 cause sufficient to justify the modification of a scheduling order necessarily varies
20 with the circumstances of each case.” 6A Charles A. Wright & Arthur R. Miller,
21 *Federal Practice and Procedure* § 1522.2 (3d ed. 2019).

22 InSinkErator satisfies the good cause standard needed to amend the current
23 schedule under Rule 16(b); it has worked reasonably diligently to meet case deadlines

25 ¹ InSinkErator acknowledges that some courts in this district have found that a change
26 in counsel *alone* is not sufficient “good cause” for a schedule change under FRCP
27 16(b). *See, e.g., Community Dental Servs. v. Tani*, 282 F.3d 1164, 1168 (9th Cir.
28 2002); *Matrix Motor Co., Inc. v. Toyota Jidosha Kabushiki Kaisha*, 218 F.R.D. 667,
674 (C.D. Cal. 2003). InSinkErator cites a change of counsel here for context but
does not rely on it as the primary basis for a schedule change.

1 but will be unable to meet current deadlines. Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4); *Johnson*, 975
2 F.2d at 609. The parties have propounded multiple rounds of discovery since January
3 31, 2025; the parties have also negotiated initial search terms and custodians. Decl.
4 of Anna C. Coll ¶¶ 3-4. The parties have also been meeting and conferring on the
5 proper scope of requests and custodial issues; both parties are currently considering
6 motion practice for their own discovery priorities. *Id.* ¶ 5. Production remains in its
7 early stages, however. *Id.* ¶ 4. Because document production is not substantially
8 complete, no depositions have taken place. *Id.* ¶ 4.

9 As discovery was progressing and after this Court set the current case schedule,
10 Dkt. 106, on June 8, 2025, the Ninth Circuit set Joneca’s appeal of the Court’s
11 preliminary injunction order for oral argument on August 22, 2025. *See InSinkErator,*
12 *LLC v. Joneca Company, LLC et al.*, Case No. 25-00286, ECF No. 43 (June 8, 2025,
13 9th Cir.). The parties are devoting time and resources to prepare for argument while
14 simultaneously moving forward on the district court action. Additional time would
15 allow these activities to continue to proceed in parallel. Any feedback or guidance
16 from the Ninth Circuit on the Preliminary Injunction order may likewise guide the
17 scope of discovery in this case.

18 Amendment to the current schedule would not prejudice the parties given the
19 ample room in the current case schedule to extend fact and expert discovery deadlines
20 while leaving untouched the dispositive motion deadlines and trial date. *Johnson*, 975
21 F.2d at 609 (noting “prejudice to the nonmoving party . . . and availability of a
22 continuance” as additional “secondary” considerations). Under the current schedule,
23 the close of fact and expert discovery are set for September 8 and December 19, 2025,
24 respectively. Dkt. 106. There is a three-month gap between the close of fact and
25 expert discovery on December 19, 2025, and the deadline to file dispositive motions
26 on March 20, 2026. *Id.* This extended period could be utilized by the parties to
27 conduct necessary fact and expert discovery – including any follow up or motion
practice that might be necessary. The parties have agreed that half of this time could

1 be reallocated to discovery. InSinkErator thus proposes that the Court modify the
2 current case schedule to the below proposed dates. As reflected in the table below,
3 the remaining case schedule is unaffected by this modest proposal.

4	Event	5	Current Schedule 6 (Dkt. 106)	7	Agreed 8 Amended Date
9	Mediation Deadline	10	8/22/2025	11	9/10/2025
12	Discovery Cut-Off ²	13	9/8/2025	14	10/23/2025
15	Initial Disclosure of Experts	16	10/6/2025	17	11/20/2025
18	Rebuttal Disclosure of Experts	19	11/20/2025	20	1/5/2026
21	Expert Discovery Cut-off	22	12/19/2025	23	2/9/2026
24	Last Day for Dispositive Motions 25 to be Filed and Served	26	3/20/2026	27	No change.
28	Deadline for Opposition Briefs	29	5/1/2026	30	No change.
31	Deadline for Reply Briefs	32	5/22/2026	33	No change.
34	Law and Motion Cut-Off	35	6/8/2026, at 1:30 p.m.	36	No change.
37	Deadline for Motions <i>In Limine</i>	38	7/17/2026	39	No change.
40	Deadline to File Pretrial 41 Documents	42	8/7/2026	43	No change.
44	Final Pretrial Conference	45	8/17/2026, at 11:00 46 a.m.	47	No change.
48	Jury Trial	49	9/15/2026, at 8:30 a.m.	50	No change.

20 Finally, InSinkErator moved promptly before the next applicable deadline—
21 the close of fact discovery on September 8, 2026—to amend the schedule. *See Coats*
22 *v. Chaudhri*, 2016 WL 1046233, at *3 (E.D. Cal. Mar. 16, 2016) (noting that movant
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24 ² The agreed amended date for close of fact discovery is also in line with the Court’s
25 Presumptive Schedule of Pretrial Dates (“Presumptive Schedule”). Dkt. 105. For
26 close of fact discovery, the Court’s Presumptive Schedule states that non-expert
27 discovery should close fifteen weeks before trial. Given the current trial date, the
28 presumptive close of fact discovery would fall on June 2, 2026. As such, the agreed
date of October 23, 2025, falls over six months before the Court’s Presumptive
Schedule.

1 asking over a month in advance of the deadline sought to be amended weighed in
2 favor of motion to modify). And allowing amendment to the schedule now would not
3 “not significantly disrupt the progression of this case,” as the dispositive briefing
4 schedule and hearing date would remain as set and the current trial date would still
5 be practicable under the Court’s Presumptive Schedule. *See Rang Dong Jt. Stock Co.*
6 *v. J.F. Hillebrand USA, Inc.*, 2020 WL 3841185, at *4 (E.D. Cal. July 8, 2020).

7 **III. CONCLUSION**

8 For these reasons, the Court should grant InSinkErator’s Unopposed Motion
9 and instate the schedule set out above.

10 Dated: July 22, 2025

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

The undersigned, counsel of record for Plaintiff InSinkErator LLC, certifies that this brief contains 1,395 words, which complies with the 7,000-word limit of L.R. 11-6.1.

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